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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☐ the international application as originally filed.
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-10 as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☒ the claims:
pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages 11 and 12, filed with the letter of 09 November 2004 (09.11.2004)
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1-3, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages NONE, as originally filed
pages NONE, filed with the demand
pages NONE, filed with the letter of _____.

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in printed form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages NONE
- ☐ the claims, Nos. NONE
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/fig NONE

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

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** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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PCT/IL03/01112**V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement****1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

Claims 1-18 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(2)-(3), because the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest a method for enhancing the generation of hydroxyl radicals (OH[•]) in aqueous mixtures containing hydrogen peroxide, comprising the steps of (i) supplying, (ii) supplying, (iii) irradiating and (iv) mixing as presently claimed, esp., the step of (i) supplying oxygen to said mixture.

Grey's teaching that oxygen may provide peroxide, would not have enabled a skilled person to come to the reactant combination of the present invention, namely $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{O}_2 + \text{MgO} + \text{UV}$ because there is no reason for a skilled person not to increase the initial concentration of H_2O_2 instead of adding O_2 and converting it into more H_2O .

Claims 1-18 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4) and thus have industrial applicability because the subject matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

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CLAIMS

1. A method for enhancing the generation of hydroxyl radicals (OH^*) in aqueous mixtures containing hydrogen peroxide, comprising
 - i) supplying oxygen to said mixture;
 - ii) supplying magnesium oxide to said mixture as a catalyst;
 - iii) irradiating said mixture with UV light; and
 - iv) mixing said mixture.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the aqueous mixture is an aqueous solution or suspension.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein the hydrogen peroxide has an initial concentration of from 2 to 250 ppm.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the oxygen is supplied by injecting of air or oxygen into the mixture.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein the oxygen is supplied to saturation.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein said UV radiation has wavelength of from 190 to 390 nm.
7. The method of claim 1, wherein the magnesium oxide is added to the mixture to a concentration of from 2 ppm to 250 ppm.
8. The method of any one of claims 1 to 7, wherein the initial concentration of hydrogen peroxide is from 10 to 50 ppm, and the initial concentration of magnesium oxide is from 10 to 50 ppm.

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9. The method of any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein the pH of said mixture has a value of from 5 to 10.
10. The method of claim 9, wherein said pH has a value of 7.2 to 9.7.
11. The method of claim 1, wherein said mixing is carried out for a period of time sufficient to generate the desired amount ~~or~~ of radicals.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein said desired amount of radicals is an amount sufficient to reach a required biocidal effect in the mixture.
13. The method of claim 11, wherein said period lasts from 3 seconds to 5 hours.
14. The method of claim 13, wherein said period lasts from 30 second to 100 minutes.
15. The method of claim 11, wherein said period lasts more than 5 hours.
16. The method of claim 11, wherein said desired amount of radicals is a predetermined quantity.
17. The method of claim 11, wherein generated radicals are quantified by a physical or chemical method.
18. The method of claim 17, wherein said chemical method comprises reacting the hydroxyl radicals with salicylic acid.

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